

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the present application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-4 (canceled).

5. (currently amended) A communication system comprising:

an exchange; and

a plurality of telephones accommodated in said exchange,

wherein each of said telephones includes:

transfer instruction accept means for accepting a transfer instruction from an operator,

a plurality of common hold operation ~~instruction accept~~ means for accepting a hold instruction and a hold release instruction from said operator, and

a plurality of display means each provided in association with each of said plurality of common hold operation ~~instruction accept~~ means, each of which accepts the hold instruction and performs display showing a "hold state" ~~is turned on~~ when a corresponding common hold ~~operation instruction accept~~ means is operated, and accepts the hold release instruction and performs display showing a "no hold state" ~~is turned off~~ when said communication common hold ~~operation instruction accept~~ means is operated during the display showing the "hold state" ~~a turn-on state~~ thereof,

wherein said exchange includes:

transfer control means for holding a communication partner of one of said telephones under communication and allowing the one of said telephones to request for connection with a first forwarding address telephone, in accordance with the transfer instruction accepted by said transfer instruction accept means in the one of said telephones,

hold control means for holding the first forwarding address telephone under communication with the one of said telephones whose communication partner is held by said transfer control means, to associated with a first common hold operation means as one of said plurality of common hold operation means in the one of said telephone, whose corresponding display means performs the display showing the "no hold state", making said corresponding display means corresponding to said first common hold operation means in the one of said telephones perform the display showing the "hold state" in association with one of said plurality of common hold operation instruction accept means in the one of said telephones and allowing the one of said telephones to request for connection with a second ~~other~~ forwarding address telephone, in accordance with the hold instruction accepted by said first common hold operation means~~the one of said plurality of common hold operation instruction accept means which is no associated with a telephone under holding,~~ and

hold release means for releasing the first forwarding address telephone under ~~holding~~ held in association with said first common hold operation means, and connecting the first forwarding address telephone thus released with the one of said telephones, and making said corresponding display means corresponding to said first common hold operation means in the one of said telephones perform the display

showing the "no hold state" in accordance with the release instruction accepted by said first common hold operation means~~the one of said plurality of common hold operation instruction accept means which is associated with the forwarding address telephone under holding in the one of said telephones.~~

6. (currently amended) A communication system as claimed in claim 5, wherein said hold control means holds the second other forwarding address telephone under communication with the one of said telephones whose first forwarding address telephone is held by said hold control means itself, to associate with a second common hold operation means as one of said plurality of common hold operation means in the one of said telephone whose corresponding display means performs the display showing the "no hold state", and making said corresponding display means corresponding to said second common hold operation means in the one of said telephones perform the display showing the "hold state"~~in association with other one of said plurality of common hold operation instruction accept means in the one of said telephones, in accordance with the hold instruction accepted by said second common hold operation means~~~~the other one of said plurality of common hold operation instruction accept means which is no associated with a telephone under holding, and~~

wherein said hold release means releases the second other forwarding address telephone under holding~~held in association with said second common hold operation means, and connecting the second other forwarding address telephone thus released with the one of said telephones, and making said corresponding~~

display means corresponding to said second common hold operation means in the one of said telephones perform the display showing the "no hold state", in accordance with the release instruction accepted by said second common hold operation means~~the other one of said plurality of common hold operation instruction accept means which is associated with the other forwarding address telephone under holding in the one of said telephones.~~

7. (currently amended)An exchange for accommodating a plurality of telephones each including transfer instruction accept means for accepting a transfer instruction from an operator, a plurality of common hold operation ~~instruction accept~~ means for accepting a hold instruction and a hold release instruction from said operator, and a plurality of display means each provided in association with each of said plurality of common hold operation ~~instruction accept~~ means, each of which accepts the hold instruction and performs display showing a "hold state" is turned on when a communication common hold operation ~~instruction accept~~ means is operated, and accepts the hold release instruction and performs display showing a "no hold state" is turned off when said communication common hold operation ~~instruction accept~~ means is operated during the display showing the "hold state" a turn-on state thereof, said exchange comprising:

transfer control means for holding a communication partner of one of said telephone under communication and allowing the one of said telephones to request for connection with a first forwarding address telephone, in accordance with the

transfer instruction accepted by said transfer instruction accept means in the one of said telephones;

hold control means for holding the first forwarding address telephone under communication with the one of said telephones whose communication partner is held by said transfer control means, to associate with a first common hold operation means as one of said plurality of common hold operation means in the one of said telephone whose corresponding display means performs the display showing the "no hold state", making said corresponding display means corresponding to said first common hold operation means in the one of said telephones perform the display showing the "hold state", ~~in association with one of said plurality of common hold operation instruction accept means in the one of said telephones and~~ allowing the one of said telephones to request for connection with a second ~~other~~-forwarding address telephone, in accordance with the hold instruction accepted by said first common hold operation means~~the one of said plurality of common hold operation instruction accept means which is no associated with a telephone under holding;~~ and

hold release means for releasing the first forwarding address telephone ~~under holding~~held in association with said first common hold operation means, and connecting the first forwarding address telephone thus released with the one of said telephones, and making said corresponding display means corresponding to said first common hold operation means in the one of said telephones perform the display showing the "no hold state", in accordance with the release instruction accepted by said first common hold operation means~~the one of said plurality of common hold~~

~~operation instruction accept means which is associated with the forwarding address telephone under holding in the one of said telephones.~~

8. (currently amended) A communication hold control method in a communication including an exchange and a plurality of telephones each of which is accommodated in the exchange and has a hold function, said exchange executing steps of communication hold control method comprising:

a first step of holding a communication partner of one of the telephone a telephone under communication and allowing said one of the telephones telephone to request for connection with a first forwarding address telephone, in accordance with a transfer instruction accepted from said ~~telephone~~ one of the telephones under communication;

a second step of holding the forwarding address telephone under communication with said telephone whose communication partner is held, to associate with a first common hold operation means as one of a plurality of common hold operation means of said one of the telephones, whose corresponding display means performs display showing a "no hold state", making said corresponding display means corresponding to said first common hold operation means of said one of the telephones perform display showing a "hold state", ~~under communication in association with one of a plurality of common hold operation instruction accept means in said telephone~~ and allowing said telephone under communication to request for connection with a second other forwarding address telephone, in accordance with a hold instruction accepted by said first common hold operation

~~means the one of said plurality of common hold operation instruction accept means~~
~~which is no associated with a telephone under holding; and~~

a third step of releasing the first forwarding address telephone held in
association with said first common hold operation means, under holding and
connecting the first forwarding address telephone thus released with said one of the
telephones~~telephone under communication~~, and making said corresponding display
means corresponding to said first common hold operation means in said one of the
telephones perform the display showing the "no hold state", in accordance with a
release instruction accepted by said first common hold operation means~~the one of~~
~~said plurality of common hold operation instruction accept means which is~~
~~associated with the forwarding address telephone under holding in said telephone~~
~~under communication,~~

wherein said second step holds the first forwarding address telephone under
communication by the hold instruction from said one of the telephones~~telephone~~
~~under communication~~, even if said one of the telephones ~~telephone under~~
~~communication~~ already has the communication partner under holding by the transfer
instruction from said one of the telephones~~telephone under communication~~.